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## 1. U.S. COVERAGE

--HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE RECEIVED INCREASED ATTENTION AFTER SHORT LULL OF SEVERAL DAYS. DIRECT CRITICISM OF "AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION" MENTIONED IN PRAVDA'S INTERNATIONAL WEEK REVIEW MAR 13. ALSO, ARBATOV, WRITING IN MAR 12 IZVESTIYA, SAYS HR CAMPAIGN CAN SERIOUSLY HARM POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE AND PLACE OBSTACLES IN PATH OF RELAXATION OF TENSIONS. BOTH AVOID DIRECT, ADVERSE LINK WITH SALT AND ARMS CONTROL (BUT INTERNATIONAL WEEK DROPS HEAVY HINT) (SEPTTEL).  
--PRAVDA WRAP-UP REPORT OF CALLAGHAN VISIT TO WASHINGTON STRESSES HARD DISCUSSIONS WHICH DID NOT REMOVE ALL DIFFERENCE (E.G., CONCORDE), WHILE TASS REPORTS FAVORABLY ON CALLAGHAN ADDRESS TO WASHINGTON PRESS CLUB. TASS CITES PM AS SAYING HE BELIEVES SOVIETS WANT ARMS CONTROL AND THAT BRITAIN FAVORS PLAYING ROLE IN CONCLUDING ARMS AGREEMENTS, INCLUDING TEST BAN.  
--IZVESTIYA (MAR 11) AND PRAVDA (MAR 12) HAVE DETAILED REPORTS ON HANAFI MUSLIM TERRORISM IN WASHINGTON. LACKING ANY IDEOLOGICAL AFFINITY TO TERRORISTS OF THIS VARIETY, TASS PLAYED IT STRAIGHT, THUS CONVEYING TO SOVIET READERS THE SENSE THAT AMERICAN SOCIETY IS SO CHAOTIC THAT US AUTHORITIES CANNOT KEEP ORDER IN THEIR OWN CAPITAL AND ARE FORCED TO RELY ON ASSISTANCE OF FOREIGN AMBASSADORS, TO CURTAIL DIPLOMATIC PROTOCOL, AND TO MAKE HUMILIATING CONCESSIONS TO TERRORISTS.  
--THERE ARE SEVERAL ACCOUNTS OF DEMONSTRATIONS BY AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS AND REPRESSIONS AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REPRISALS BY THE AUTHORITIES (IVS, MAR 11, PR MAR 12, IVS MAR 12, KZ MAR 13.)

## 2. MIDDLE EAST

--KZ "MILITARY-POLITICAL REVIEW" BY V. VINOGRADOV AND V. BEREZIN (MAR 13) CONCENTRATES ON UK AND US MILITARY SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL AND ON RABIN VISIT TO U.S. EMPHASIS IN RABIN COVERAGE IS ON "UNITY OF VIEWS" BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES, PRESIDENT'S "FIRST TIME" STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF "DEMAND OF ZIONIST LEADERSHIP ON SECURITY OF SO-CALLED "DEFENSIBLE BORDERS" OF ISRAEL." SUCH A STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT, SAY AUTHORS, RUNS COUNTER TO REQUIREMENTS OF WELL-KNOWN UNSC RESOLUTIONS WHICH PROVIDE FOR COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI TROOPS FROM ALL LANDS SEIZED BY ISRAEL FROM ARABS IN 1967. AUTHORS CITE ARAB PRESS ON TEL AVIV PLAN TO SET UP "BUFFER ZONE" IN SOUTHERN LEBANON. MARCH 14 PRAVDA NOTES MEETING BETWEEN SECRETARY VANCE AND ARAB AMBASSADORS IN CONNECTION WITH PRESIDENT'S STATEMENTS.

--MARCH 13 PRAVDA CITES NYT ARTICLE ON LACK OF CLARITY IN US ME POLICY FOLLOWING PRESIDENT'S STATEMENTS AND ATTEMPTS BY BREEZINSKI TO EXPLAIN STATEMENTS AWAY IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS WITH ISRAELI AND ARAB AMBASSADORS. SAME ISSUE DISCUSSED IN "COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN" BY YU GLUKHOV WHO ALSO CITES NYT ARTICLE AND ADDS THAT, "IT IS IMPOSSIBLE NOT TO SEE THAT WASHINGTON'S POSITION CAN ONLY HAMPER ME SETTLEMENT."

--PRAVDA (MARCH 14) NOTES ARRIVAL OF TURKISH FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL. WEEKEND PRESS CONTINS SHORT STATEMENTS ON IMPORTANCE OF GOOD SOVIET-TURKISH RELATONS BY CAGLAYANGIL AND PM DEMIREL. FORMER STATES THAT DOCUMENTS HE WILL SIGN IN MOSCOW WILL "OPEN NEW PERSPECTIVE AND WILL ENABLE REALIZATION OF NEW JOINT PROJECTS."

--PRAVDA (MAR 13) NOTES VISIT TO TUNISAI IN SECOND HALF OF MARCH OF ADMIRAL OF FLEET S. G. GORSHKOV.

--MARCH 12 KZ CARRIES HARD-HITTING PIECE BY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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V. SHMAROV ON NATO AND US DESIGNS ON CYPRUS. CITING MILITARY STRAGETIC IMPORTANCE OF CYPRUS EXEMPLIFIED BY US USE OF SBA'S DURING OCTOBER WAR AND LEBANESE CRISIS, AUTHOR DESCRIBES ATTEMPT BY "SOME IN WEST" TO ACHIEVE BY DIPLOMACY WHAT HAS NOT BEEN POSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE BY OTHER MEANS. IN THIS REGARD, HE SAYS, RECENT CLIFFORD MISSION TO CYPURS AROUSED "SPECIAL CONCERN" ON ISLAND.

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--WEEKEND PRESS CONTAINS SEVERAL ARTICLES ON CASTRO  
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VISIT TO PDRY AND SOMALIA AND ON CUBAN-LIBYAN COMMUNIQUE  
WHICH, AS DESCRIBED IN MARCH 12 IZVESTIYA, EXPLICITLY  
CRITICIZED US AND IMPLICITLY CRITICIZED EGYPT AND SAUDI  
ARABIA FOR CARRYING OUT POLICIES WHICH HAVE MADE  
POSSIBLE A STRENGTHENING OF US POSITION AND INFLUENCE  
IN REGION.

### 3. AFRICA

--PRAVDA AND KZ (MARCH 13) CARRY FIRST REPORTS  
ON ATTACK ON ZAIRE. TASS LUANDA CITES WESTERN PRESS  
AGENCIES IN KINSHASA ON HOSTILITIES IN SHABA PROVINCE.  
THESE ACCOUNTS, SAYS TASS, DESCRIBE "ALLEGED" PARTICIPATION  
OF MERCENARIES TRANSFERRED TO ZAIRE FROM ANGOLA. ARTICLE  
CONCLUDES WITH STATEMENT BY ANGOLAN MINISTRY OF DEFENSE  
WHICH CATEGORICALLY REFUTED "FALSE INFORMATION" ON PRESENCE  
IN ZAIRE OF MERCENARIES FROM ANGOLA. TASS PARIS CITES  
AFP ON DECLARATION BY "ANGOLAN NATIONAL-LIBERATION FRONT"  
ADMITTING ITS PARTICIPATING IN ARMED OPERATIONS IN SHABA,  
AND DENYING EXISTENCE OF INVASION OF MERCENARIES PAID  
BY ANGOLA.  
--PRAVDA (MAR 12) HAS ARTICLE ON INFORMATION  
RELEASED BY UNSC MISSION TO BENIN WHICH REPORTEDLY  
DESCRIBED RECENT COUP ATTEMPT AS "BEING BORN" IN WESTERN

EUROPE AND BROUGHT TO REALITY WITH ASSISTANCE OF "SOME"  
AFRICAN COUNTRIES --ESPECIALLY GABON.

#### 4. EUROPE

--PRAVDA MAR 12 REPORTS ON 129TH PLENARY OF  
MBFR FROM VIENNA AND CARRIES TASS-WASHINGTON PIECE  
REPORTING BRANDT STATEMENT AT MIT OF SUPPORT FOR FORCE  
FREEZE AT PRESENT LEVELS.  
--PRAVDA MAR 13 REPORTS ON ROMANINA POPULATON  
UNITING IN ADVERSITY AS QUAKE CLEANUP CONTINUES.  
MAR 14 PRAVDA ARTICLE CITES SOVIET AID TO ROMANIA OF FOOD,  
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS, TRUCKS, TRACTORS, BULLDOZERS  
AND SANITATION MACHINERY WORTH OVER 10 MILLION RUBLES.  
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--PRAVDA' COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN, IN FIRST  
NEGATIVE COMMENT ON CANADA IN SOME TIME, TAKES AIM  
AT GOC BUDGET WHICH, IT CLAIMS, WAS WRITTEN IN WASHINGTON  
BY MILITARY - INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX AS AN EXAPLE FOR NATO  
NATIONS ON HOW TO FOSTE ARMS RACE.

#### 5. ASIS

--SEVERAL ARTICLES INTHE WEEKEND PRESS DISCUSS  
THE FORTHCOMING INDIAN ELECTIONS IN BLACK AND WHITE TERMS.  
FOR EXAMPLE, PRAVDA'S DELHI CORRESPONDENT V SHURYGIN  
(MAR 12) DESCRIBES THE OPPOSITION AS "RIGHTIST," "ANTI-  
GOVERNMENT," "DEMOGOGIC" AND "EXTREMELY REACTIONARY",  
BOTH IN DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN POLICY. IZVESTIYA'S V.  
KUDRYAVTSEV USES SOME OF THE SAME TERMS, AND  
CONTRASTS THE OPPOSITION "BLOC" GROUPED UNDER THE JANATA  
PARTY WITH AN "OBJECTEIVE" DESCRIPTION OF THE "PROGRESSIVE  
PATH" FOLLOWED BY THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE CONGRESS.  
PRAVDA'S COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN BY VENIAMIN SHURYGIN (MAR 14)  
DESCRIBES THE CAMPAIGN AS "ESPECIALLY COMPLICATED," BUT  
HE EMPHASIZES THE POSITIVE AND NOTES THE CPI'S CALL FOR  
THE UNITY OF ALL "DEMOCRATIC AND NATIONAL-PATRIOTIC FORCES."  
--ALL CENTRAL NEWSPAPERS REPORT THE MARCH 11  
TALKS BETWEEN THE VIETNAMESE MILITARY DELEGATION, LED  
BY DEFENSE MINISTER GIAP, AND THE SOVIET MILITARY DELEGATION,  
LED BY DEFENSE MINISTER USTINOV. THERE WAS NO OTHER  
COVERAGE OVER THE WEEKEND, NOT EVEN THE SPEECHES AT  
USTINOV'S BANQUET ON MARCH 11.  
--ANOTHER ANTI-PEKING ARTICLE HAS APPEARED  
(IZVESTIYA MAR 12), THIS ONE A REPLAY OF A BULGARIAN  
ARTICLE DENOUNCING CHINESE "FALSIFIERS" ON CHARGES OF  
SOVIET ECONOMIC EXPLOITATION OF CEMA. THE ARTICLE, AS  
REPLAYED, MAKES THE EXPECTED DEFENSE OF EE ECONOMIC  
INTEGRATION, AND CONTRASTS PEKING ATTITUDE WITH ITS  
SUPPORT FOR WEST EUROPEAN INTEGRATION AND NATO.  
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